

brave law enforcement officer from Mishawaka. Corporal Thomas Roberts was only 43 years old when his life was taken from him in an instant. He died during the predawn hours of December 13, 2003 in Mishawaka, while responding to a "shots fired" call. He was hit by the assailant's gunfire and died at the scene. As a 14-year veteran of the Mishawaka Police Department, Tom was a respected police officer who protected community members and fought for the values we all hold close to our hearts.

Tom Roberts was the second officer killed that night while dutifully serving his city. Today, I join Tom's family, friends, and the entire Michiana community in mourning Tom's death. While our pride in Tom shall certainly live on, so, too, will our sorrow.

After working for 10 years at Ladig, Inc., Tom attended the Plainfield Police Academy and joined the Mishawaka Police Department in 1989. On or off the job, he treated everyone he met with respect and dignity. As a caring and concerned man, Tom always reached out to help others in any way he could. His respected career is a testament to his commitment to hard work and willingness to help others.

Tom graduated from Mishawaka High School where he was a member of the football team. Tom had a lifelong love of football and was an avid Notre Dame football fan. He especially enjoyed going to the games with his family and friends and collecting sports memorabilia.

Tom leaves behind his loving fiancée, Debbie McGinnis; his daughters, Lindsay, Holly, and Ashley; his son, Larry Peak; his mother, Francelia; brothers, Larry and Gary; and his sisters, Ann Marie, Celia Dillon, Peggy Boyd, and Lisa. His father, John E. Roberts, and his brother, John, preceded Tom in death.

While Tom's life on Earth has been cut short, his bravery and strength of character will live on. May his life serve as a clear reminder of the risks taken each day by law enforcement officers across the Nation who keep our cities and towns safe.

It is my sad duty to enter the name of Corporal Thomas Roberts in the official record of the United States Senate for his dedication to public service, as well as his profound commitment to serve and protect. When I think about the daily sacrifices and risks that our law enforcement officers take each day, and the unfortunate pain that comes with the loss of our heroes, I hope that families like Tom's can find comfort in the words of the prophet Isaiah who said, "He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces."

May God grant strength and peace to those who mourn, and may God bless the United States of America.●

THE 2004 NATIONAL FINAL, WE THE PEOPLE: THE CITIZEN AND THE CONSTITUTION

● Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I am proud to announce that the class from Kahuku High School of Kahuku, HI, will represent the State of Hawaii at the national finals of We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution. These Hawaii students will join the more than 1,200 students from across the country that will visit Washington, DC, to take part in the We the People national competition to be held during the first week of May. These outstanding students, through their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution, won Hawaii's statewide competition and earned the chance to come to our Nation's Capital and compete at the national level.

The We the People program is administered by the Center for Civic Education and is an extensive educational program developed specifically to educate young people about the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights. The 3-day competition is modeled after hearings in the U.S. Congress and provides students with the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge before a panel of adult judges while they evaluate, take, and defend positions on relevant historical and contemporary issues. Their testimony is followed by questions designed to probe the students' depth of understanding and ability to apply their constitutional knowledge.

I would like to recognize the following 25 Kahuku students that will be representing the State of Hawaii: Samuel Braden, Chelsey Bunker, Stacia Colton, Brian Craycroft, Tusi Esera, Lacey Golonka, Evelyn Griffin, Reis Harney, Celesta Hubner, Jeremy James, Natalie Kamauoha, Jennifer Kamiya, Azura Iversen-Keahi, Tiffany Lee, Brook McArthur, Donna Ramos, Leilani Relator, Alicia Reidy, Aaron Rillamas, Jordan Williams, Austin Spring, Ian Tapu, Alexandra Thompson, Rachel Tolleson, and Seini Unga. I would especially like to thank their teacher, Ms. Sandra Cashman, for once again seizing this opportunity to empower and educate students about the significance of the American institutions of constitutional democracy. I am confident that the students will step up to the challenges presented in this competition and they will give a stellar performance.

As one who formerly taught at Kahuku High School, I take a special pride in these students' accomplishments. I know that it is because of school and parental support, dedication, and commitment that these students were empowered and encouraged to excel in this arena. I wish these students the best of luck at the We the People national finals and applaud their achievement. These students have no doubt made everyone in their school, their families, and their friends proud of what they have achieved. We should all be proud that they are learn-

ing and advocating the fundamental ideas that identify us as a people and bind us together as a nation. Let the students' enthusiasm and active participation in shaping their understanding of government serve as a model for all citizens to follow.●

HONORING THE LIFE OF TOWN MARSHAL RICHARD M. CLAPP

● Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, I rise today with a heavy heart and a deep sense of gratitude to honor one of Indiana's finest, Richard Mark Clapp, the New Richmond Town Marshal who lost his life in the line of duty on December 5, 2003.

Mark Clapp and his son, Aaron, were responding to a domestic dispute in New Richmond. Aaron, a county jail officer, waited in the patrol car as his father accompanied the suspect into the home. Once inside the home, Mark Clapp became engaged in a struggle with the suspect and suffered a fatal heart attack. He was 45 years old.

As Town Marshal, Mark Clapp devoted his life to selfless service for his community. He served as the New Richmond Town Marshal for 22 years. His desire to help people and defend what is right and just in our society was apparent to everyone in his passion for serving as Town Marshal. Mark never missed an opportunity to learn more about law enforcement and how to better protect his community.

Born on April 7, 1958, in Greencastle, Mark Clapp graduated from Mt. Comfort High School and attended Vincennes University. On November 18, 1978, he married Debbie Zentko. Mark and Debbie enjoyed 25 years of marriage and were the proud parents of their only child. Mark is survived by his mother Patricia; his father, Joseph; his wife, Debbie; his son, Aaron; and his two brothers.

Mark Clapp was a dedicated family man and public servant. He touched many lives over the course of his career and will be remembered as a loving husband, father, and community leader.

It is my sad duty to enter the name of Richard Mark Clapp in the official record of the United States Senate for his service to the State of Indiana and the community of New Richmond. His commitment to protecting and serving the public will not soon be forgotten. As Mark is laid to rest, let us never forget the courage and sacrifice he laid down on December 5, 2003.

When I think about the daily sacrifices and risks that our law enforcement officers take each day, and the unfortunate pain that comes with the loss of our heroes, I hope families like Mark's can find comfort in the words of the prophet Isaiah who said, "He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces."

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